THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Summar et al. : Attorney Docket No. 02-40052-US-P

Serial No.: 10/725,064 : Examiner: TBD

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For: Method for Preventing Hepatic

Encephalopathic Episodes

PETITION FOR TWO MONTHS EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Missing Parts Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to a Notice to File Missing Parts dated March 16, 2004, having a shortened period of response expiring on May 16, 2004 by two months to and including July 16, 2004. The amount of \$210.00 to cover the petition fee is included herewith.

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